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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Union Grove Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Mason Road, about 2 miles north of
its intersection with Mill Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

XX VICINITY OF Dickens

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Allegany

CODE

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

This is a Building 5/4/73/197

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☒ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☒ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER 4-H Club

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Union Grove Boys 4-H Club Trustees:
W. Wilson, D. Heavener, R. Evans, Betty Evans

STREET & NUMBER

Mason Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Prospect Square, Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Union Grove Schoolhouse is a one-storey frame building, rectangular in plan, containing a single classroom and an entrance vestibule. These rooms are distinguishable on the exterior by differences in their respective roofs: the major roof, that of the classroom, is hipped, ridge on the long axis of the building (roughly east-west); that of the vestibule, on the east elevation, is lower than the main roof, half hipped to the front wall of the classroom, ridge perpendicular to the building axis, with a small gable over the entrance set in the manner of a wall-dormer. The structure is clapboard on the exterior, painted white, with a black asbestos shingle roof. There are widely flaring boards on the foundation. The window frames, simple classical aedicules, are painted black, as is the door and its frame. Muntins are white in all windows. The windows themselves are 4/4 double-hung sash on the east wall (one on either side of the door), tall rectangular 6/6 on the south wall (four bays), and six-pane awning sash in four square windows on the north wall. All eaves are finished with the same simple moulding. All exterior vertical angles are finished with cornerboards. There is a simple brick chimney centered on and set into the north wall.

The interior is divided into a single large rectangular classroom and an entrance, flanked on either side by closets. There is tongue and groove wainscoting around the classroom, with a blackboard across the entire front (west) wall. The window frames are composed of wide reeded moulding with corner roundels.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Union Grove Schoolhouse is the last remaining one-room schoolhouse on its original site and in unaltered condition, interior and exterior, in Allegany County. It represents a method of education which was once the norm for the entire region and is now a rarity.

It was built in 1905 to replace the old Wilson Academy, which stands nearby on Bedford Road, now converted to a residence. The name was changed to Dicken School until 1920, when it was changed to Union Grove Academy. It remained in use as a one-room schoolhouse until 1949, when it was deeded to the Union Grove 4-H Club, the current owners and users. The building has recently been restored by the club and interested local residents. The only change from the original is the omission of the gabled ventilators which once sat on the hips of the main roof.

The building fits into no particular style, although certain details may be interpreted as classical. The composition, proportions and execution of detail are very fine.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

BEGINNING for the same at an apple tree with two forks and marked with six notches on each fork, standing about seventy-five feet on the North side of the Rocky Gap Branch and on the North Edge of the Rocky Gap County Road near the Mouth of said Branch, and near the "Smouse Camp Ground" in Election District No. 21, and running thence North 45 degrees West 8 perches to a planted stone, then South 45 degrees West 8 perches to a point between a large flat stone and locust tree with three notches, standing on the bank of Rocky Gap Branch, then South 50 degrees East 8 perches to a stone planted on the bank of Rocky Gap Branch and witnessed by three small trees with three notches each, and then 45 degrees East $7\frac{1}{4}$ perches to the beginning, containing one-half acre, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed by the Board of Education of Allegany County, a corporation, to George C. Smith, Harry C. Gillum, and Charles E. Drake, Trustees of the Union Grove Community Club by deed dated the 21st day of April, 1928, and recorded among the Land Records of Allegany County, Maryland in Liber No. 159, folio 226.

TOGETHER with the improvements thereon and the rights, roads, ways, waters, privileges and appurtenances the reunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Dickens

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

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— OTHER:

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NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

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REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

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☐ ALTERED

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438





Evitts
Creek
Quad

Union Grove
School House

Dickens

Creek

Rocky Gap

Rocky

Mt Pleasant
Ch

Pleasant Grove Ch

TO Cumberland

Route 40